श्री अनिल कुमार: कोई ध्यान नहीं दिया ।....(व्यवधान)....

डा. कुमकुम राय: बिहार को कोई पैकेज नहीं मिला । ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सैयद शाहनवाज हुसैन : सभापति जी, मैं स्वंय ...(व्यवधान)....

श्री प्रेम गुप्ता: मंत्री महोदय देश के मंत्री है, बिहार के बिलांग करते हैं इसलिए उनको बिहार के लिए कुछ न कुछ करना चाहिए ।...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: वे कह रहे हैं कि आपकी तरफ इनका खास ध्यान हैं ।

श्री सैयद शाहनवाज हुसैन: प्रेम गुप्ता जी को प्रेम जब बाहर से जाकर बिहार के लिए इतना उमड़ सकता है तो...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: अब मैं प्रेम की बात यहां नहीं करने दूंगा । काम की बात करिए । ...(व्यवधान)....

श्री सैयद शाहनवाज हुसैन: मैं तो खुद बिहार का हूं तो मेरा प्रेम इनके प्रेम से कम कैसे हो सकता है ?

Atrocities on dalits in Tamil Nadu

*227. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the increasing incidents of atrocities on dalits in the Southern districts of Tamil Nadu, particularly Madurai; and

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) The Government of Tamil Nadu have reported that there is no'increase in the incidents of atrocities on dalits in the Southern districts of Tamil Nadu, particularly in Madurai district and the number of

such cases reported during 2000,2001 and 2002 are 396,315 and 267 respectively.

SHRIK. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Sir, the answer given is not satisfactory because it is an over simplification of the realities provided. My question was whether the Government's attention was drawn to the increasing incidents of attacks on Dalits, Major incidents occurred in Madurai, and, two were murdered also. If we are not taking proper care on this issue, this will go on increasing in other States also, which is our daily experience. I want to mention a specific point. The news of recent modification in Gujarat in schools for separate seating arrangements, in mid-~day meals, and, transfer of teachers, has appeared in newspapers. So, I want an answer from the Minister as to what measures are taken by the Central Government to discourage this kind of grave injustice given to Dalits.

SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Sir, the question relates to a particular area of Tamil Nadu, and, the question was whether it is increasing. The reply is, and, the statistics prove, that it is declining. So far as this particular case is concerned, there the State Government has already challanged both the culprits, and, it was not eating of excreta but only throwing it after mixing it with water and, then, Rs. 25,000 have already been paid to the victims of this atrocity. So far as other things are concerned, for the whole country, especially in Tamil Nadu, the Central Government has also been giving special components for the scheduled castes for having better arrangements, for having vulnerable areas surveyed, and for proper arrangements to be made. All these things are happening, and lakhs of rupees have already been given to Tamil Nadu by the Central Government.

SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Sir, my second supplementary is that the Dalit community members are not permitted to lodge complaints in the police stations. That is also a discouraging thing. So, statistics-wise, the answer is right, but the reality is not that. I want to reflect that.

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Sir, the Dalits are not permitted to file complaints ... (*Interruptions)...*

SHRI l.D. SWAMI: Sir, so far as the Southern districts of Tamil Nadu are concerned, I have the figures for that. There were six cases in the year 2000, 11 cases in 2002 in Madurai city. In 2001, there were 73

cases in Madurai, and, only 61 in 2002. It is not that the complaints have not been registered. If the complaints had not been registered, then these 315,267,396 cases in different years would have not come. But, if there'had been any instance or any complaint where a particular incident had not been registered, despite a report having been made to the police station, if the hon. Member brings it to our notice, we will certainly find out from the State Government, because law and order being their subject, primarily, it is their responsibility.

श्री गांधी आज़ाद: धन्यवाद सभापति जी । तमिलनाडु हीं नहीं बल्कि देश के सभी कोनों में ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: क्वेश्चन तमिलनाडु का है ।

श्री गांधी आज़ाद: क्वेश्चन से संबंधित प्रश्न ही पूछ रहा हूं । मैं वही कह रहा हूं कि तमिलनाडु ही नहीं बल्कि देश के हर प्रदेश में आए दिन दलितों पर अत्याचार हो रहे हैं । यह प्राय: सब जगह हो रहा है...(व्यवधान)...

श्री रूमान्डला रामचन्द्रय्या: आन्ध्र प्रदेश में नही हो रहा हैं ।

श्री गांधी आज़ाद: मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या सरकार के पास कारगर उपाय सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कोई योजना हैं कि इस पर कोई कार्रवाई की जाएगी?

श्री सभापति: चलिए बताइए ।

श्री ईश्वर दयाल स्वामी: सभापति जी , बहुत-सी योजनाएं हैं । इसके लिए सेपरेट नोटिस कारगर है। दो एक्ट भी बने हैं । 1955 में यह एक्ट बना हैं । "सिविल राइट्स आफॅ प्रोटेक्शन एक्ट बना है, बाद में" शेड्यूल्ड कास्ट प्रेवेन्शन ऑफ एटोसिटीज एक्ट" बना हैं । इसके लिए स्पेशल कम्पोनेन्ट प्लान है, but the question is, Sir, if a separate notice is given, then the whole thing can be brought before the House.

DR. V. MAITREYAN: Sir, isolated incidents should not be generalised.

SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, is it a fact that there are confidential circulars from various States that the offences committed against the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes should not be registered, should not be treated under the Prevention of Atrocities against the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act with the intention that the figure of the atrocities on the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled

Tribes should not be brought to the notice of the people and that atrocities committed on the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes are higher in number. So, Mr. Chairman, Sir, through you, I want to ask the hon. Minister whether it is being observed that the secret instructions are given by the various State Governments, including the Government of Tamil Nadu, not to treat these offences under the Prevention of Atrocities against the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes Act. If so, what action is being taken by the Government of India?

SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Sir, the law and order being the State subject, if any particular State Government had issued any confidential instruction, we have no knowledge of it. They do not send a copy of it to the Central Government. That is one. Secondly, even if any such instruction have been issued, because this fact has been mentioned by the hon. Member, we will certainly find out from the States, specially, he has mentioned about Tamil Nadu, we will certainly find out from the Tamil Nadu Government if any such instructions have been issued by them. But, normally, the hon. Member would agree with me, any confidential instructions, in this context, that the cases be registered, but they should not be registered under the Civil Rights Protection Act or Prevention of Atrocities against the Scheduled Castes Act, it is not very fair to make an allegation that the State Governments are issuing these instructions. But, still, we will find out ...*{Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next Question, please. Question number 228.

*[228. *The questioner (Shri Surendra Lath) was absent. For answer vide pages 44-45]*

पनबिजली विकास नीति, 1998

*229. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
श्री राजीव रंजन सिंह "ललन" ††

क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृप करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने 1998 में पनबिजली विकास नीति बनायी थी:,

††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan'.